



Arizona State Retirement System

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ASRS AS STATE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR

The Arizona State Retirement System Board is the designated state official to act as the state representative to the Social Security Administration.

In its role as State Social Security Administrator, the ASRS acts with respect to the federal-state Social Security Act (Section 218) Agreement.

The State Social Security Administrator serves as the main resource to state and local employers for information and advice about Social Security coverage, taxation and reporting issues that cannot be easily obtained elsewhere. The Social Security Administration, Internal Revenue Service, public employers and employees may contact the State Social Security Administrator to help resolve questions related to who is and is not covered by Social Security, as well as other technical questions.

Responsibilities of the State Social Security Administrator under the Section 218 Agreement include:

- Administer and maintain the federal-state Section 218 Agreement that governs voluntary Social Security and Medicare coverage by state and local government employers in Arizona.
- Negotiate modifications to the original Section 218 Agreement to include additional coverage groups, correct errors and make modifications, conduct referenda and identify additional political subdivisions which join in a covered retirement system.
- Maintain in a secured location the state's master agreements, modifications, dissolutions and intrastate agreements.
- Provide the SSA with notice and evidence of the legal dissolution of covered state or political subdivision entities.
- Resolve coverage and taxation questions related to the Agreement and modifications with the SSA and IRS.
- Negotiate with the SSA to resolve Social Security contribution payment and wage reporting questions concerning wages paid before 1987.
- Provide information to state and local public employers covered under the Agreement in accordance with the Social Security Act.
- Provide information to state and local public employers in accordance with the state's enabling legislation, policies, procedures and standards regarding non-Section 218 entities.